

WOMAN SLAYER FREE

Unwritten Law Is Upheld in Baltimore Courts.

KILLED HER RIVAL INSTANTLY

Mrs. Maith Relates Story to Jury of How She Implored Mrs. Brown to Desist in Efforts to Win Husband's Affections—Wronged Wife Pleads Insanity, but Jury Frees Her.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Annie E. Maith, who shot and killed Mrs. Sallie Brown when she found Mrs. Brown in the company of her husband, was acquitted by a jury in the Criminal Court to-day. Her defense was insanity, but the jury simply found her not guilty, saying nothing about insanity, thus upholding the unwritten law.

The evidence showed that Maith had ill-treated his wife, and that she had asked a court for a divorce. In spite of this, she loved Maith, and when Maith's attorney in the divorce proceedings threatened to jail Maith because the fee had not been paid, Mrs. Maith sewed far into the night to raise money to pay the lawyer. She also pawned her gold watch.

Implored Her Rival.

Mrs. Maith testified that the Brown woman had broken up her home, robbed her of her husband, and made her life wretched. She said that she had gone repeatedly to the woman and begged and implored her to let her husband alone, and that she was scoffed and jeered at and called names.

She had collected the money her husband wanted and was on her way to tell him of his good fortune when she found him in the home of Mrs. Brown. "I told her," said Mrs. Maith, "that she was doing me a great wrong, that she knew I was in ill health and not able to take care of myself. On the night I went to Mrs. Brown's house, I looked through the parlor window and saw my husband and Sallie Brown together. "After he had gone, I went into the house and asked her why she did not leave my husband alone. She replied: 'I don't have to,' and then tried to grab me. After that I scarcely know just what happened."

Mrs. Maith fired two shots from a revolver she carried in the folds of her dress, killing her rival instantly.

WOMAN FIREBUG SENTENCED

Mrs. Annie Ackerly Must Serve Fourteen Years in Auburn Prison.

New York, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Annie Ackerly, convicted of arson in having fired her apartments at 111 Wyckoff street, where she had left candles burning among oil-soaked paper, in the hope of collecting \$1,000 insurance, was to-day sentenced to Auburn prison for fourteen years.

In passing sentence Judge Dike expressed his conviction that the prisoner was the author of a fire at her previous residence, where she collected the insurance without being suspected.

JUDGMENT AGAINST MILLER.

Note Payable to Order of Former Senator Bails for Suit.

New York, Jan. 31.—A judgment for \$4,322 was entered to-day against ex-United States Senator Warner Miller and the Sierra Consolidated Gold Mining Company, of 100 Broadway, which is president, in favor of the Mine and Smelter Supply Company, of 42 Broadway.

The claim is on a note of the Sierra Consolidated Gold Mining Company dated September 12, 1907, for \$4,322, payable ten days after date to the order of Warner Miller, which was not paid at maturity and was protested.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1908, 3 p. m.

The disturbance that was central Tuesday night over Colorado has been shifted to the west by way of Oklahoma, and general rains and snows are falling from the Mississippi Valley eastward to the Western Lake region, the Ohio Valley, and the South Atlantic States. There were also light snows in the Plains States and the Rocky Mountain region, followed by generally clearing weather. Although low temperatures continue in the Middle Atlantic States and New England, it is generally warmer east of the Mississippi River, and colder to the westward, with light to moderate snow to be seen over the Northern and rain over the Southern districts east of the Mississippi River on Saturday, and snow Sunday along the Lower Lakes, in the northern portion of the Middle Atlantic States and New England.

In the West the snow will be generally fair Saturday and Sunday, and fair Sunday in the Central valleys, the Upper Lake region, and the South. It will be much colder in the Central valleys, with a cold wave, and on Saturday night and Sunday in the East Gulf States, the Ohio Valley, and Lower Lake region. It will be colder Sunday in the Middle and South Atlantic States and Western and Southern New England.

The winds along the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts will be brisk to high, with rain coming westerly by Sunday morning and continuing high; on the South Atlantic coast brisk to moderately high south wind, on the East Gulf coast fresh to brisk north to north-easterly, and on Lake Michigan high fresh to strong from the west. Snows are drifting Saturday for European ports will have increasing cast to south winds, snow to the Grand Banks.

SPECIAL FORECAST.
Storm warnings are displayed on the Pacific Coast from Point Lobos to Eureka, on Puget Sound, Bellingham Bay, and on the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and on the Atlantic coast from Eastport to Jacksonville.

Cold waves are being held on for Michigan, Iowa, Eastern Kansas, Eastern Nebraska, Eastern and Central South Dakota, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Interior Texas, Illinois, Eastern Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Mississippi.

Local Temperature.
Midnight, 10; 2 a. m., 11; 4 a. m., 12; 6 a. m., 12; 8 a. m., 11; 10 a. m., 12; noon, 21; 2 p. m., 25; 4 p. m., 21; 6 p. m., 22; 8 p. m., 20; 10 p. m., 22; maximum, 26; minimum, 10.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 84; 2 p. m., 89; 8 p. m., 84. Rainfall 19 p. m. to 8 p. m., 0.1. Direction of wind, 102; per cent. of possible sunshine, 50.

Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 20; minimum, 29.

Temperatures in Other Cities.
Temperatures in other cities together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 3 p. m., yesterday, are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Wind.	Rel. Hum.
Albany, N. Y.	39	24	31	68
Albany, Ga.	39	24	31	68
Albany, N. J.	39	24	31	68
Albany, N. D.	39	24	31	68
Boston, Mass.	29	6	15	90
Buffalo, N. Y.	29	6	15	90
Chicago, Ill.	28	22	24	82
Cincinnati, Ohio	28	20	28	82
Cleveland, Ohio	28	20	28	82
Columbus, Ohio	28	20	28	82
Dayton, Ohio	28	20	28	82
Des Moines, Iowa	28	20	28	82
Galveston, Tex.	74	50	70	67
Helena, Mont.	28	20	28	82
Indianapolis, Ind.	28	20	28	82
Jacksonville, Fla.	64	48	61	77
Kansas City, Mo.	28	20	28	82
Little Rock, Ark.	28	20	28	82
Marquette, Mich.	18	0	15	88
Memphis, Tenn.	28	20	28	82
New Orleans, La.	68	54	68	81
New York, N. Y.	22	4	22	80
North Platte, Neb.	28	20	28	82
Omaha, Neb.	28	20	28	82
Pittsburg, Pa.	28	20	28	82
Portland, Me.	18	0	15	88
Salt Lake City, Utah	18	0	15	88
St. Louis, Mo.	28	20	28	82
St. Paul, Minn.	18	0	15	88
Springfield, Ill.	28	20	28	82
Yicksburg, Miss.	68	48	68	81

SCHWAB BUYS RICH MINES.

Steel Man at Head of Syndicate Which Invests in Property.

Mexico City, Jan. 31.—The largest mining transaction ever made in Mexico is about to be closed in the Santa Eulalia district, state of Chihuahua, according to advices received here to-day.

Charles M. Schwab and Malcolm McDonald, of Tonopah, Nev., and associates are to take over the famous Potosi, Buena Tierra, Baltimore, and other mines of Santa Eulalia, the sum to be paid for these mines being upward of \$5,000,000.

FAIRBANKS SLATE WINS.

Indiana Counties Select Chosen Delegates to State Convention.

Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—Delegates to the Republican district convention, at which delegates to the national convention will be selected on Tuesday, were selected in a number of counties to-day. Indications are that the slate fixed by the Fairbanks managers will be chosen without the loss of a man.

In a number of districts there are three or four candidates. It is claimed the men selected by the party managers will be chosen by the conventions and the others will be named as alternates, thus providing for Fairbanks men on the delegation in any event.

TEACHER GOES MAD IN SCHOOL

Stampede of Pupils Is Narrowly Averted at Cry of "Fire."

Rose Hass, of New York, Flees from Building, Shrieking at the Top of Her Voice.

New York, Jan. 31.—White-faced teachers gathered in a knot before the principal's office of public school 150, at 329 East Ninety-sixth street, at the noon hour to-day, spoke in whispers not so much of what had happened, but of what might have happened when Rose Hass, one of their number, went mad before her class of very little children earlier in the morning and fled shrieking down the corridors to the street. Miss Jackson, the principal, was thankful that nothing more than what had happened had come to break the tension of the morning hours.

It was about 10:15 o'clock when Miss Jackson, sitting in her office on the lower floor of the building, heard a succession of shrieks sounding from the floor above. She jumped to her feet and ran down the corridor to the foot of the stairs leading from the second floor of the Ninety-sixth street entrance. Before she could gain the foot of the stairs she saw Rose Hass, her skirts gathered to her knees, and her eyes fixed with a strain madness, rush down the steps, out through the door, and into the street. She screamed continually.

The teachers in the schoolrooms had much difficulty in preventing a stampede of the pupils.

Miss Hass was overtaken by some citizens and restrained until an ambulance was summoned. She was removed to Bellevue Hospital. At the hospital Miss Hass was examined, and her symptoms found to be those of violent insanity. She was held in the psychopathic ward for observation.

ORIENTAL CLOSING ITS DOORS.

New York Bank Is Expected to Pay Depositors in Full.

New York, Jan. 31.—With a debt balance of \$300,000 to meet at the clearing-house to-day, and with a crowd of depositors waiting to draw out their money, the directors of the Oriental Bank decided not to open for business this morning. The directors were practically unanimous in agreeing that it would be useless to stand up and take another day's pounding without more cash than they had, and there was nobody willing to stand behind them and help them meet a ruin.

Examiner G. S. Leonard was placed in charge of the bank by Superintendent Williams and began an examination immediately. He said that it might take a week. The banking department is pretty busy these days and rather than open to-day the directors decided that they expected to find the Oriental "as clean as a whip."

No doubt was expressed yesterday that the depositors would be paid in full.

OLIVER WINS SUIT.

Woman Loses in Effort to Prove a Common-law Marriage.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Nonnie Crosso Oliver to-day lost the suit for divorce and \$100,000 alimony which she brought against William J. Oliver, the noted contractor of Knoxville, Tenn., who came near being awarded the Panama Canal contract. The case has been on trial all the week, and the evidence has been sensational. The plaintiff alleged that a common-law marriage existed between her and Oliver, and sued when Oliver married a woman in Knoxville. Oliver admitted that he had lived with the plaintiff for years, had traveled with her over the country, and had spent \$5,000 on her, but denied that he had ever married her.

The jury returned a verdict for Oliver in ten minutes.

STEERAGE EXODUS CONTINUES.

Nearly Four Times as Many Depart as Arrive on Liners.

New York, Jan. 31.—The exodus of steerage passengers from ports of the North Atlantic continues. According to figures compiled by Emil L. Boas, resident director and general manager of the Hamburg-American Line, 15,432 immigrants arrived last Monday and 58,767 alien steerage passengers went away. In the corresponding period last year there were twice as many arrivals as departures.

Mr. Boas said: "This great increase in the outward, and decrease in the inward steerage movement illustrates again the economic changes that the steamship companies are securing Europe to induce immigration to this country."

Ocean Steamships.

New York, Jan. 31.—Arrived: Celtic, from Liverpool, January 2; Victoria, from Liverpool, January 18.

Arrived at: Mureta, at Liverpool.

Sailed from foreign ports: Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, from Cherbourg.

Left New York, Jan. 31.—Sailed: Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, for Cherbourg.

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GHOSTERS IN COURT

Religious Enthusiasts Held for Investigation.

GIRL ESTRANGED FROM HOME

Mother Charges She Was Deceived Away Under Influence of Religious Excitement—Found Living in House Frequented by Negroes of Worst Type—Prisoners Plead Not Guilty.

New York, Jan. 31.—Three men and three women, who said they belonged to a sect known as the Holy Ghosts, were arraigned in the Tombs police court to-day, before Magistrate Butts, and held in \$500 bail each, charged with violating a section of the penal code which has to do with circumspect behavior.

The prisoners were Robert Tolvert, twenty-seven years old; Thomas O'Reilly, forty-five years old; Frank Pseudhomme, twenty-three years old; Mabel Collins, twenty years old; Bertha Ridenberger, twenty-one years old, and Ann Doak, twenty-one years old, all of Philadelphia. They were arrested this morning by detectives of the district attorney's office on the complaint of the mother of the Collins girl, who declared that her daughter had been deceived away from home under the influence of religious excitement.

The three girls and their companions were living in West Forty-first street, in a place filled with negroes of the lowest character.

The prisoners pleaded not guilty, and on the request of their counsel, Edward Carpell, examination was set for to-morrow. When asked whether she wished to return to her mother, the Collins girl replied: "I am in the hands of the Lord."

"Anson," said her companions, "We will go wherever Jesus Christ leads us," she added.

The prisoners all carried Bibles, which they read diligently, paying much more attention to them than to the court proceedings.

TRIES TO ARREST THE KING.

Policeman Greatly Amuses Alfonso, Who Orders Him Released.

Madrid, Jan. 31.—King Alfonso, who is visiting Seville, while walking to-day accompanied by the governor, was recognized by passers by. A crowd quickly gathered and followed his majesty. A policeman, not knowing the cause of the assembly, ordered the crowd to disperse. Finding that he was not obeyed he charged the crowd and hustled the King, who he did not know.

The governor seized the policeman, who was attacked by the crowd and knocked down. When the King recovered from the shock he ordered the policeman before him. The latter, who had learned of his mistake trembled with excitement and murmured: "I'm lost. They'll hang me."

The King was greatly amused by his fears and ordered that he be released and receive no punishment.

WRECKED IN SNOWSTORM.

Three-masted Schooner Reported a Total Loss and Crew Missing.

Bar Harbor, Me., Jan. 31.—The three-masted schooner Perry C., of Parrsboro, N. S., was driven on the ledge near Little Duck Island in a snowstorm Wednesday night, and is believed to have gone to pieces.

The crew has not been heard from. It is hoped the men have put off in their boat, and may have been picked up by a passing steamer.

JACKSON LETTER FOUND.

American General Describes Skirmish Preliminary to Battle.

Rutland, Vt., Jan. 31.—An original photograph letter by Gen. Andrew Jackson, written December 26, 1814, describing the fighting preliminary to the battle of New Orleans, in which he defeated an army of Wellington's veterans, has been found here.

Fred S. Platt, clerk of the Federal courts in Vermont, in removing the furniture of his office from Burlington to this city this week discovered the letter among his files. It was addressed to Willis Blount, governor of Tennessee.

The letter is the property of Col. Bradley B. Smalley, former clerk of the court, and was given him by John G. Saxe, having come to the poet's hands from a relative in Tennessee.

SLAYER GETS SHORT TERM.

Aged Scientist and Farmer Sent to Jail for Five Months.

Somerville, N. J., Jan. 31.—Jacob Flomerfelt, an aged scientist and farmer, who has been tried twice in the Somerset court for manslaughter, for killing his brother-in-law, Frank D. Cramer, a prominent politician of Somerset County, on December 18, 1904, was allowed to plead guilty to simple assault and battery before Judge Schenck, in the Somerset court, to-day, and he was sentenced to serve five months in the Somerset County jail.

This is the termination of one of the most sensational murder cases in the history of Somerset County, which has occupied the courts during the past four years.

Cramer at the time of the crime was in a drunken frenzy and was chasing his eighteen-year-old daughter about the house and threatening to kill her.

Flomerfelt, who was a member of the household, went to the rescue of the girl, and Cramer turned on him.

THOUSANDS TOOK TESTS.

Civil Service Commission's Report Shows Increase in Year's Work.

According to the report of the Civil Service Commission, which reached Congress yesterday, 138,108 persons took the civil service examination during the last year. Of this number 96,451 passed and 41,657 were appointed.

The increase during the twelve months was in number of examinations taken, 14,674; in number who passed, 4,226; and in the number appointed, 4,835.

Falls Into the River.

Neil Sullivan, twenty-nine years old, a soldier, stationed at the Washington Barracks, last night fell into the river from a wharf at the foot of Second street southeast. He was rescued by Policemen Showalter and Embrey, of the Fifth precinct, and then taken to the barracks.

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RUEF PLEADS "NOT GUILTY."

Answers to Fourteen Indictments in San Francisco Court.

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—Abe Ruef was called upon to plead in Judge Dunn's Court this morning to fourteen indictments charging him with offering bribes in connection with the Parkside trolley franchise. Ruef pleaded not guilty to each charge as it was read. Joseph E. Green and ex-Mayor Eugene Schmitz were also present, and pleaded not guilty.

DR. BUCKLEY VINDICATED.

Charges of Slander, Libel, and Disloyalty Are Not Proved.

New York, Jan. 31.—The charges of slander, libel, and disloyalty made against Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, by Rev. George A. Cooke were dismissed this afternoon by unanimous consent of a court of nine Brooklyn ministers sitting in the Hanson Place Methodist Church, Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. C. S. Wing presiding.

Each minister conducted his own case, and both were congratulated by the members of the court after the decision had been rendered. The hearing was private.

"DUCKY" HOLMES IS INDICTED

Jury Returns Bill of Murder in First Degree.

Fatally Shot Mrs. Mary E. Hamilton, with Whom He Was Infatuated. Other Indictments.

The grand jury yesterday returned an indictment against "Ducky" Holmes, alias Henry L. Schirfogle, for murder in the first degree.

Holmes is charged with causing the death of Mrs. Mary E. Hamilton, with whom he was infatuated, and who refused to marry him. On the night of November 28 he entered the home of her mother, Mrs. Annie Groves, with whom she lived, and after quarreling with her, whipped out a revolver and fired five shots into her body, instantly killing her.

He escaped, but was later captured and is now in jail awaiting trial.

Mrs. Hamilton's husband disappeared some time ago. Holmes endeavored to have her secure a divorce and marry him, but she refused.

The following indictments were also returned by the grand jury: William Phillips, grand larceny; Walter Ellis and Fleming Hoyle, grand larceny; William Green, alias William Cole, grand larceny; George C. Smith, housebreaking and larceny; Joseph Rogers, Raymond Johnson, and Charles Harper, depredation on private property; Monroe Burrell, assault with a dangerous weapon; John E. Freeman, alias John E. Green, housebreaking and larceny; Jefferson L. McCoy, housebreaking and larceny; William T. Phillips, grand larceny, and Henry Bertha, alias Henry Buford, embezzlement.

RAMSAY STILL A SKEPTIC.

Not Convinced by Phenomena Which Impressed Sir Oliver.

London, Jan. 31.—Sir William Ramsay, who was formerly a member of the Psychological Research Society, while conceding that Sir Oliver Lodge is absolutely sincere in his belief that it is possible to hold communication with the dead, is convinced the phenomena which so impressed Sir Oliver can be ascribed to hallucination.

Sir William, during his membership of the society, attended many seances and acquired the conviction that many of the manifestations were genuine, but he was merely humbug. He consequently withdrew from the society.

He says that Prof. Sir William Crookes detailed to him far more wonderful phenomena than those described by Sir Oliver, but while it was impossible to doubt Sir William Crookes's word, he was compelled to remain a skeptic because he had not seen the same things himself.

STEEL MILLS TO REOPEN.

Employment Will Be Given to Several Thousand Men at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 31.—Notices were posted at the Homestead mills of the Carnegie Steel Company that several mills will resume on full time Monday. The announcement means that several thousand men will be put to work.

The National Rolling Mill department of the National Tube Company, at McKeesport, will resume Sunday night, giving employment to six hundred men.

Four hundred men will be put to work at fourteen weeks idleness when the Pittsburgh Valley and Conduccion Company resumes Monday morning.

WILLIAMS ALUMNI MEET.

President Hopkins and President-to-be Garfield Are Present.

New York, Jan. 31.—President Henry Hopkins, the retiring head of Williams College, and Prof. Harry A. Garfield, a son of President Garfield, who is to succeed him, met at the Williams Alumni Association at their annual dinner held to-night at Delmonico's.

President Hopkins, after rehearsing the past glories of the college, made a plea for a continuation of the loyal support which had always been his to the administration of his successor.

PARAGRAPHS BY WIRE.

Southampton, Jan. 31.—A fire broke out this afternoon in the first-class smoking room of the White Star Line steamer Majestic, which arrived yesterday from New York, but did not spread beyond that room.

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 31.—The case against Theodore J. Williams, charged with murdering his wife Lena, was not presented to the grand jury today, owing to the illness of Acting Prosecutor George T. Vickers.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Leon Vincent, sixty-eight years old, of Tonawanda, entered a saloon at 10 p. m. and called for a drink. When this was refused him, he turned around and drank a quantity of carbolic acid. He died within a few minutes.

Johannesburg, Jan. 31.—The natives of India who were arrested for failure to comply with the provisions of the registration act, have been released under the compromise arranged between the government and the Asiatics.

London, Jan. 31.—The correspondent of the Standard Oil Company has announced that the South African trading interests of the Shell Transport and Trading Company, Limited, thus establishing a monopoly in South Africa.

Natchez, Miss., Jan. 31.—Given charge of the immense plantation of his father near here last week, in an effort to cause a change of his associates and environment, called for a drink. A family member socially, took his own life.

ARMOUR IN A COUP

Chicagoan Makes a Killing in the Wheat Pit.

PROFITS OF ABOUT A MILLION

Bulls Put to Rout and Prices Break Several Cents—Decline of Twelve Cents Since Latter Part of December—James A. Patten the Leader of the Defeated Forces.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—J. Ogden Armour, if reports freely circulated on the board of trade to-day are true, has made the "killing of his life" in wheat, gaining a brilliant victory over James A. Patten and his followers. For months these two giants have been engaged in one of the fiercest struggles ever waged in the pit, Patten taking the bull side and Armour playing the part of a bear. The battle was waged with varying fortunes until to-day, when a violent slump in prices compelled Patten and his followers to take to their heels, leaving Armour in possession of the field.

Wheat for May delivery broke to 96 cents in the forepart of the session, or 2½ cents under the close yesterday. Only last Tuesday it sold as high as \$1.02.

The buying by shorts later steadied the market somewhat, but prices made only a feeble attempt to rally.

The closing price was 95½. As to what extent Armour was short on the market could only be surmised, but brokers estimated his profits on paper at the lowest to-day at about \$1,000,000, as it is well known that he has been a big seller ever since the May price touched \$1.08 in the latter part of December.

WALKER IS EXTRADITED.

Mexico Gives Up Absconding Bank Treasurer and He Starts North.

New York,